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> APPARATUS FOR SIMULATING A **BIOLOGICAL HEAP** LEACHING PROCESS

Response To Final Rejection

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In response to the Final Rejection mailed February 9, 2009, please reconsider the claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.